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OF THE  
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,  
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School Board  
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*Moderator,*

*Town Clerk,*

*Selectmen,*

*Treasurer,*

*Member of School Board for Three Years,*

Collector of Taxes,

*Auditors,*

*Moderator,*

*Representative,*

*Supervisors of Check-lists,*

FRANK P. LEAVITT, ASA J. CHAPMAN,  
ALBERT A. HAVEN.

# Town Warrant.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*To the Inhabitants of the town of Stratham qualified to vote in town affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To choose three Selectmen, Town Treasurer, and Clerk.
3. To choose a Collector of Taxes, and all other necessary town officers and agents for the year ensuing.
4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools; for paying the town debts and defraying the interest thereon, and for other necessary charges arising in said town; for laying out and repairing highways and sidewalks, and building and repairing bridges; for the maintenance of the poor; for school houses; and to establish and maintain public libraries, cemeteries, and parks or commons, and to improve the same; to prepare and publish the early history of the town.
5. To see if the town will vote to establish the district system of schools and authorize the Selectmen to take proper measures to effect the same.
6. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to purchase an American reversible road machine provided that upon trial it proves to do work satisfactory to the Selectmen and highway surveyors, and to appropriate money for the same.
7. To see if the town will vote to accept the Union library.
8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars to purchase new books for the library.

Given under our hands and seal this 21st day of February, A. D. 1891.

JAMES W. ROLLINS, } Selectmen  
CHARLES W. SCOTT, } of  
GEORGE W. DIXON, } Stratham.



## Selectmen's Report.

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Amount of money raised and appropriated at the annual meeting, 1890.

For State tax,	\$1,455 00
County tax,	1,462 09
Schools,	1,018 50
Schools, extra,	300 00
Use of town,	200 00
Total,	—————\$4,435 59

Highway tax in labor,	\$600 00
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No. and value of live stock :

Horses, 286,	\$23,459 00
Asses and mules, 4,	195 00
Oxen, 46,	2,420 00
Cows, 517,	13,386 00
Other neat stock, 101,	1,489 00
Sheep, 245,	958 00
Hogs, 39,	335 00
Fowls, 240,	120 00
Carriages, 23,	1,670 00

No. of acres of land, 8,054, value, including buildings,	399,404 00
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Value of stock in banks and other corporations	
in this State,	11,000 00

Value of stock out of State,	1,113 00
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Money on hand, at interest, or on deposit,	20,890 00
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Stock in trade,	13,353 00
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Mills, &c.,	6,873 00
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Total amount of inventory including 176 polls,	514,265 00
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Rate of taxation on a hundred dollars, 88 cents. Overlay,	\$89.94.
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No. of dogs, including 3 females—38. Dog tax, \$41.00. Paid Selina Severance for the loss of two sheep by dogs, \$7.00. Surplus dog tax, for the year, \$34.00. Surplus last year, \$23.00. Amount on hand, \$57.00.

Abatements on Collector's list: Taxes of 1889, Joseph Ayers, 90 cents, Nelson Brown, \$1.89, George Moulton, \$1.58, Charles Nealey, \$1.00, Warren L. Lane, 90 cents, total—\$6.27. Taxes of 1890, Joseph Ayers, 88 cents, Nelson Brown, \$1.88, George Moulton, \$1.54, Samuel Merrill, \$1.88, Horace Bigelow, 88 cents, Warren L. Lane, 88 cents, total—\$7.94.

## FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN, FEB. 27, 1891.

## INDEBTEDNESS.

Note with interest against the town,	\$108 12
Due the County,	3 83
Due the district for schools,	184 00
Unpaid bills, estimated,	100 00
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	\$395 95

## MEANS OF PAYMENT.

Uncollected taxes of 1890,	\$488 85
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	837 58
School money on hand,	20 32
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	\$1,346 75
	395 95
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Balance in favor of town,	\$950 80
Balance in favor of town, Feb. 27, 1890,	\$441 66

## TOWN POOR.

An act of the Legislature, in relation to the settlement of paupers, approved August 14, 1889, reads as follows :

SEC. 1. No town shall be liable for the support of any person, unless said person, or the person under whom said person derives a settlement, shall have wholly gained a settlement therein, since the first day of January, 1880. Under this act the expenses incurred in maintaining the poor of the town the past year have been paid by the County.

## HIGHWAYS.

In view of the condition of our roads, we commend the 6th article of the Warrant to the favorable consideration of the town.

JAMES W. ROLLINS,	} Selectmen of Stratham.
CHARLES W. SCOTT,	
GEORGE W. DIXON,	

# Collector's Report.

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Account of Collector H. H. LEAVITT.

Amount of taxes committed to him for collection:

State, County, Town and School Taxes,	\$4,226 10
Non-resident tax,	358 52
Highway tax,	48 84
Uncollected taxes of 1889,	300 00
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	\$4,933 46

COLLECTOR LEAVITT'S DISCHARGE.

Non-resident highway tax worked out,	\$16 56
Discòunt,	76 11
Collector's services,	60 00
Abatement of taxes,	14 21
Uncollected taxes,	488 85
Paid Treasurer,	4,277 73
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	\$4,933 46

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STRATHAM, Feb. 27, 1891.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of Collector H. H. Leavitt and find them rightly cast, well vouched and a balance of \$488.85.

MARK G. ROBERTS, }  
J. H. DIMAN, } Auditors.



# Treasurer's Report.

## TREASURER LANE'S REPORT.

Received of Treasurer of 1889,	\$319 58
County,	582 57
Estate of Geo. O. Wiggin,	121 24
Geo. B. Wiggin, rent of Hall,	8 33
Railroad tax,	247 39
Savings Bank tax,	1,075 31
Literary Fund,	128 40
Collector Leavitt,	4,277 73
Cemetery lot,	8 00
Dr. J. Odell,	92 50
John Rundlett's estate,	3 83
	\$6,864 88

## TREASURER LANE'S DISCHARGE.

Paid O. A. Fleming, for casket and box,	\$15 00
W. O. Junkins, for reporting births and deaths,	75
David Jewell, services as clerk, school district,	5 00
John Templeton, for printing reports,	30 00
John O. Wiggin, services as Justice,	1 25
Albert Haven, services as Supervisor,	10 00
County tax,	1,462 09
Edson Eastman, Clerk's Book,	2 63
G. A. Wiggin, Insurance on Hall,	33 00
Asa Chapman, services as Supervisor,	15 00
Chas. Brewster, " "	15 00
F. S. Smith, coal for Hall,	25 38
Albert Haven, services as Supervisor,	5 00
Rockingham County Farm, care Geo. O. Wiggin,	219 07
State tax,	1,455 00
C. W. Scott, conveying Mr. Rundlett to Brentwood,	3 00
" " care in case " "	4 00
O. E. Lane, use of watering trough,	3 00

Paid J. E. Stockbridge, damage to carriage,	\$3 50
Frank Holmes, damage to sled,	7 00
A. M. Otis, damage to sleigh,	1 25
J. W. Foss, abatement on tax,	1 10
Mrs. S. W. Severance, damage to sheep,	7 00
Mrs. C. A. Kelly, care John Rundlett,	3 00
James H. Batchelder, for stationery,	6 03
E. G. Eastman, advice,	3 00
W. O. Junkins, recording births and deaths,	2 00
S. C. Dixon, use of watering trough,	3 00
David Jewell, services as clerk of school district,	6 50
Levi Barker, use of watering trough,	3 00
G. E. Gowen, service after auditing,	2 75
J. O. Wiggins, services as Justice of the Peace,	1 00
A. E. Jewell, abatement of tax,	95
E. M. C. Lane, " "	13 59
Heirs of David J. French,	86
A. C. Lane, services as Clerk and Treasurer,	45 50
" " for books and stationery for use of town,	60
Charles W. Scott, services on School Board,	13 00
James W. Rollins, " "	38 25
" " services as Selectman,	67 00
Charles W. Scott, " "	31 50
George W. Dixon, " "	35 25
County charge,	10 00
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	\$3,610 80

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid F. P. Harvey, breaking road,	3 00
James C. Piper, plank for bridge,	15 15
John J. Smart, labor on highway,	3 86
James C. Piper, " "	7 52
Sylvester Dame, breaking road,	6 75
J. N. Thompson,	2 10
F. P. Harvey, labor on road at P. O.,	116 21
" tile for "	10 40
Benaiah Wiggins, labor on Winnecutt bridge,	13 00
F. P. Harvey, tile and labor on road,	6 45



Paid Willie L. Barker, labor on highway,	\$11 85
Wm. Robie, breaking road,	75
F. P. Harvey, " dist. 4 and 5,	31 83
Geo. A. Wiggin, "	10 00
J. W. Rollins for J. M. Wiggin, breaking roads,	23 45
J. E. Stockbridge, breaking road,	24 15
Isaac N. Stockbridge, "	37 06
Geo. W. Marsh, "	4 65
G. W. Parkman, "	3 00
" working unworked tax,	7 00
" overwork on highway,	3 31
Geo. W. Bowley, labor on Winnecutt bridge,	6 00
E. B. Jewell, planks, labor and spout,	1 90
Sylvester Dame, breaking road,	3 60
" labor on highway,	13 30
L. W. Thompson, breaking road,	6 17
" labor on highway,	11 33
Willie L. Barker, breaking road,	13 60
Charles W. Scott, "	11 88
F. S. Smith, "	2 85
J. J. Scammon, "	9 75
C. H. Thompson, "	18 89
J. E. Stockbridge, "	3 50
C. D. Wiggin, "	3 00
J. H. Duncan, cash paid for labor on highway,	23 92
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	\$471 18

## TOWN AND COUNTY POOR.

Paid John Rundlett, for support,	\$112 57
John Rundlett, care during sickness and funeral expenses,	69 25
A. C. Lane, goods delivered to C. A. Mason,	102 00
Otis B. French, rent of house for J. Rundlett,	30 00
Dr. J. W. Odell, services in case John Rundlett,	97 50
Dr. W. O. Junkins, in case Mrs. Lizzie Smith,	3 75
J. E. Odell, rent of land and buildings for Mrs. Lizzie Smith,	42 00
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	\$457 07

## DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

Paid Albert Gove, for support,	\$110 00
Geo. H. Odell, goods delivered Chas. Nealey,	10 50
J. J. Scammon, rent of house for " "	5 00
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	\$125 50

## SCHOOLS.

Paid Chas. W. Scott, for benefit of schools,	\$1,362 75
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## RECAPITULATION.

Cash received by the Treasurer,	\$6,864 88
Paid outstanding demands and sundry expenses, \$3,610 80	
Town and County Poor,	457 07
Dependent soldiers,	125 50
Highways and bridges,	471 18
Schools,	1,362 75
Balance,	837 58
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	\$6,864 88

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STRATHAM, Feb. 27, 1891.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of Treasurer Albert C. Lane, and find them rightly cast, and vouched, and a balance in his hands of eight hundred and thirty-seven dollars and fifty-eight cents.

MARK G. ROBERTS, }  
 J. H. DIMAN,        } Auditors.



# Town Officers' Bills.

## SELECTMEN'S.

Town of Stratham, To JAMES W. ROLLINS, Dr.

1890.

Feb. 28,	preparing town reports and delivering to printer,	\$2 00
Mar. 6,	going to Exeter on account of reports,	75
7 & 8,	“ for reports and distributing,	2 50
13,	1-2 day in relation to change in Clerk and Treasurer,	75
17,	one day preparing inventory blanks,	1 50
20 & 22,	delivering blanks and session at town hall,	1 25
26 & 27,	case of town poor transferred to County and making return,	2 00
April 4,	making warrants for town meeting,	1 00
14 & 15,	receiving inventory blanks,	1 50
28 & 29,	business with Mr. Scott and Dixon, and making assessment,	2 25
May 1,	1-2 day at Exeter for advice in relation to tax,	75
2 & 3,	two days making assessments,	3 00
6,	1-2 day on account of fire at J. Brown's,	75
9,	business with Clerk and Mr. Scott.	75
17,	making taxes, \$10 00, going to Town Clerk's, .50,	10 50
20 & 21,	making returns of inventory to Secretary of State and Secretary of Treasury,	3 00
25,	making record of taxes and inventory,	2 00
26,	one day preparing Surveyors' books,	1 50
27 & 28,	writing appointments of town officers, making return,	2 25
	Preparing Collector's book,	2 00
29,	delivering Surveyors' books and qualifying officers,	1 00
31,	business with Clerk, Mr. Scott and Mr. Dixon,	1 00
July 30,	1-2 day on town business,	75
Aug. 30,	examining road and appointing Surveyor and making return,	1 50

Sept.	2, writing notices of hearings on petition to widen and straighten highway and posting the same,	\$1 50
	3, going to Mr. Scott's and Dixon's for signatures, making an entire copy of polls and estates of the town and making return to County Commissioners,	75 4 00
	19, writing deed of burial lot,	50
	20, attending hearing at the store of G. H. Odell,	75
Oct.	1, making appointment of fence viewers and making return,	75
	2, 1-2 day at Essex Corner,	75
	9, making reports to board of health and agriculture,	1 00
	17 & 18, preparing warrants for town meeting, posting and examining wall,	1 25
Nov.	26, 1-2 day in relation to poor.	75
Dec.	2, making examination of farms and inventories with County Commissioners and expenses,	2 50
	13, 1-2 day in session,	75
1891.		
Jan.	20, Exeter to see County Commissioners, with reference to Geo. O. Wiggin,	75
	21, 1-2 day collecting County bills,	75
	27, one day at Exeter, settling with Commissioners,	1 50
	28, business with Treasurer,	50
Feb.	21, 1-2 day in session,	75
	preparing and posting warrants,	50
	27, 1-2 day settling bills and auditing,	75

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 \$67 00

Received payment,

JAMES W. ROLLINS.

Town of Stratham, To C. W. SCOTT, Dr.

1890.

Mar.	17, to preparing and delivering inventory blanks,	\$3 50
	22, jury meeting,	50
April	5 1-2 days taking inventory,	11 00
	14 & 15, 1-2 day in session,	1 50



April 29, making assessments,	\$1 50
May 2 & 3; " "	3 00
10, making return of fire,	75
26, preparing Surveyor's books,	1 50
appointing Surveyors,	1 00
28, on account of road,	75
Aug. 30, examining road,	75
Sept. 20, hearing on road,	75
Oct. 2, on account of road,	75
4, jury meeting,	50
8, on account of road,	75
18, 1-2 day in session,	75
Dec. 13, " "	75
1891.	
Feb. 21, " "	75
27, " "	75
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	\$31 50

Received payment,

CHARLES W. SCOTT.

Stratham, Feb. 24, 1891.

Town of Stratham, To G. W. DIXON, Dr.

1890.	
Feb. 28, To services after auditing,	\$0 75
March 8, delivering reports,	2 00
17 and 18, preparing and distributing inventory blanks,	3 50
22, attending juror meeting,	50
April, 5 1-2 days taking inventory,	11 00
14, 1-2 day in session,	75
15, " "	75
29, one day making assessments,	1 50
May 2, " " "	1 50
3, " " "	1 50
20, making return railroad stock,	1 00
26, preparing Surveyor book and other town business,	1 50
28, 1-2 day in session,	75

May 29, qualifying and appointing surveyor,	\$1 00
Aug. 28, going to Mr. Rollins', town business,	75
30, 1-2 day examining road,	75
Sept. 20, attending hearing,	75
Oct. 2, 1-2 day on account road,	75
4, attending juror meeting,	50
8, 1-2 day on road,	75
18, 1-2 day in session,	75
Dec. 13, " "	75
1891.	
Feb. 21, " "	75
27, " "	75
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	\$35 25

Received payment,

G. W. DIXON.

Stratham, Feb. 27, 1891.

#### BILLS OF SCHOOL BOARD.

Town of Stratham to JAMES W. ROLLINS, services on school board, Dr.

After auditing, to making report of schools for the year ending Feb. 25, 1890,	\$3 00
After auditing, to making report to State Superintendent, 1890.	2 00
Mar. 17, To session at hall 75 cents; 18th mak- ing warrants, 75 cents,	1 50
Mar. 27, To 1-2 day in relation to school in Div. No. 3,	75
Apr. 3-4, " preparing warrants for school meet- ing, getting signatures and posting,	1 50
Apr. 17, To going to Divisions 1, 2 and 3,	1 00
23-24, " Exeter for supplies and delivering to all schools,	2 00
May 24, To going to Div. 2 with supplies and to Mr. Scott's,	75



June 17,	" visiting schools 1 and 2, and business with treasurer,	\$1 50
June 20,	To visiting schools in Div. 3 and 4,	1 00
July 31,	" Exeter and Mr. Scott's on account of School charts,	1 00
Aug. 12,	To visiting Mr. Scott's with reference to well,	75
15,	" travel to No. Hampton twice and to div. 2,	1 50
Sept. 3,	" visit at No. 3, 50 cents; Sept. 8, visits at 1 and 2, \$1,	1 50
Sept. 12,	To visit at Div. 3 on account of sickness,	50
23,	" 1 with supplies .50;	
	Oct. 1, to Div. 2 with school books, .75,	1 25
Oct. 28,	1-2 day with reference to school No. 3,	75
Nov. 6-7,	To visits at 1, 2 and 4, \$1.50: Nov. 21, visit at No. 3, .50,	2 00
Nov. 22,	To travel to Kingston to engage teacher,	75
Dec. 3-4,	" Hampton Falls and Hampton to engage teacher,	2 00
Dec. 6,	To Div. No. 3 to obtain board for teacher,	50
10,	" visiting schools in divisions 1, 2 and 3,	1 50
12,	" going to Exeter for supplies and delivering to all schools,	2 00
Dec. 30,	To going to Div. 3 with books,	50
1891.		
Jan. 13,	To going to Mr. Scott's and div. 3,	75
16,	" Exeter for books,	50
28,	" Divs. 2 and 3 with supplies,	75
Feb. 6,	To 1-2 day on school business,	75
11,	" visit at No. 2,	50
12,	" Divs. No. 1 and 4,	1 00
13,	" Exeter to get check list printed,	50
20,	" after " "	50
21,	To preparing warrants for district meeting,	1 00
26,	" visit at Div. No. 3,	50
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		\$38 25

Received payment,

JAMES W. ROLLINS.

Feb. 27, 1891.

Town of Stratham, To C. W. SCOTT, Dr.

For services as member of School Board.

June 21, to Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4,	\$2 00
on account of well,	1 50
Exeter to pay bill,	75
Nov. 6 & 7, Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4,	2 00
Feb. 12, Divisions 1, 2 and 4,	1 50
24, Exeter, pay bill,	75
26, Division 3,	50
canvassing town for check-list,	<u>4 00</u>
	\$13 00

Received payment,

CHARLES W. SCOTT.

Stratham, Feb. 24, 1891.

# Report of Treasurer of School Board.

## SCHOOL MONEY.

School money raised by town,	\$1,018 50
Income from Literary Fund,	128 40
Money on hand from last year,	31 74
Money raised by district for schools,	200 00
Money raised for insurance, etc.,	100 00
Due district from town from last year,	100 00
	<hr/> \$2,578 64
Received from town treasurer,	\$1,362 75
Money on hand from last year,	31 74
	<hr/> \$1,394 49

## TREASURER'S DISCHARGE.

Paid for teachers' salaries,	\$1,016 60
janitors,	43 20
wood,	98 65
cleaning school houses,	13 00
insurance,	35 00
repairs,	9 00
charts,	61 50
books,	60 78
supplies,	5 94
pump,	3 75
well,	26 75
	<hr/> \$1,374 17

## RECAPITULATION.

Cash received by Treasurer,	\$1,394 49
Paid for teachers, janitors, wood, and cleaning houses,	\$1,171 45
Repairs and insurance,	44 00
School books and supplies,	128 22
Pump and labor on well,	30 50
	<hr/> \$1,374 17
Amount in hand of Treasurer,	20 32
Due district from town,	184 15

This day examined the accounts of Charles W. Scott, Treasurer of School Board and find them rightly cast and vouched and a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of twenty dollars and thirty-two cents.

M. G. ROBERTS, }  
J. M. DIMAN,     } Auditors.



# Report of the School Board.

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## ORGANIZATION.

JAMES W. ROLLINS, *Chairman.*

CHARLES W. SCOTT, *Treas.*

WESLEY F. SANDERSON, *Sec'y.*

## TEACHERS.

Division No. 1,	. . .	Miss Ida M. Slack.
" No. 2,	. . .	Miss Annie I. Hanley.
" No. 3,	. . .	Miss Mary F. Barker.
		Miss Alice W. Batchelder.
" No. 4,	. . .	Miss Florence W. Weeks.

The school in Division No. 1 has been taught this year by Miss Ida M. Slack, and that this is her third year in this school is of itself sufficient evidence of the high estimation in which she is held as teacher. At the close of the fall term an entertainment was given in the town hall to obtain funds to purchase a flag for the school-house, which was well attended, all the pupils taking part in such a manner as to reflect credit on both teacher and scholars. A flag was purchased, which at the closing exercises of the winter term was presented to the district. Miss Slack has merited and has received the approbation and hearty cooperation of the parents and friends of the school in Division No. 1.

DIVISION NO. 2. The school was taught by Miss Annie I. Hanley, a graduate of Robinson Female Seminary and a resident of the district, who, though she had not had much experience in teaching, entered the school with a determination to succeed. She soon won the good will of her scholars by her interest in them both in and out of school, and her methods of instruction have been such that the school has made good progress in all branches taught, though sustaining a loss by the removal from town of some of the most advanced pupils.

DIVISION NO. 3.—The spring and fall terms were taught by Miss Mary F. Barker, who is also a graduate of Robinson Female Seminary and a resident of the district. The attendance at the spring term was not as large as usual, owing to prevalence of whooping cough. In the fall term Miss Barker was assisted in the youngest

classes by Miss Mary Gowen, a member of the school. This was Miss Barker's first experience in teaching, and she labored faithfully for the welfare of the school, with a fair degree of success. During the fall term a flag was presented to this school by Mrs. Flora Hilliard, a former teacher, and the parents and friends invited to be present at its raising, on which occasion the exercises were interesting and the school made a good appearance. For the winter term we were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Alice W. Batchelder, of Hampton, a teacher of much experience, under whose care the school has made such advancement as we can only expect when the teacher is thorough and enthusiastic, and we sincerely hope her services may be retained.

**DIVISION No. 4.** This school was taught by Miss Florence W. Weeks, of Exeter, a teacher of experience, who had previously taught one term in this school, and her earnest efforts in the behalf of the scholars met with the good success which they deserved. Especially to be noticed was the improvement in reading and the prompt manner of recitation.

#### GENERAL REMARKS.

There has been no change made in the text books used during the year, but at the opening of the fall term the schools were all supplied with Goodrich's School Charts, which have been generally introduced into the schools throughout the state. They consist of charts of Reading, Writing, Drawing, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, U. S. History, Physiology and Hygiene and Civil Government, in all 36 in number, conveniently arranged in an iron frame, and are used as aids to oral and text-book instruction, though containing, especially the one on Civil Government, much desirable information not found in any text-book. The Geographical charts consist of nine good maps which have supplied a want in those rooms where there were none. It will be seen that they are of use to all, from the youngest scholar who learns to read by word from them, to the most advanced scholars in our schools, and any matter of general instruction is as readily taught a school as one pupil. The teachers have expressed much pleasure in the help they have been to them in teaching, and we trust they will prove of lasting benefit to the schools.

Perfection is no more to be expected in our schools than elsewhere, but we feel sure that earnest and faithful work has been done on the part of our teachers. That the scholars have desired to learn and have rendered prompt obedience to their teachers has been generally reported, and they have been prompt in their attendance at school, our "roll of honor" showing that nearly one-half the scholars in town have attended school one term without being either absent or tardy. That our schools compare favorably with those of surrounding towns is proved by the fact that those of our scholars who have attended higher schools away have been able to enter classes with those of their own age who have had the privilege of attending graded schools.

As to arrangements, and matters connected with them for equalizing our schools, with reference to the number of scholars, we have found it not always easy to decide what was best. Whatever efforts we have made in this direction, with a view of giving equal advantages to all, have not met the approval of parents.

We recommend that appropriations of money be made sufficient to replaster the school room in Division No. 3, to make new steps at the door, also to repair the fences around the yards in Divisions 3 and 4 and to complete the well in Division No. 2.

With the hope that greater interest may be taken by all our people in the education of the young, that the future may be more fruitful in results than the past has been, the writer of this report respectfully declines further service.

JAMES W. ROLLINS,	} School
CHARLES W. SCOTT,	
WESLEY F. SANDERSON,	
	Board.



## ROLL OF HONOR.

*Division No. 1.*—Marshall S. Chase, Blanche S. Wiggin (not tardy or absent for the year), Fred A. Foss, Ella B. Dean, Nellie E. Parkman, Hattie A. Foss, Nellie A. Wentworth (not tardy or absent for two terms), Johnnie E. Chase, Florence E. Foss, Alfred B. Ellison, Charles N. Lane, John W. Lane, Anna C. Lane, Russell A. Parkman, Alice G. Smart, Lottie G. Smart, Freddie H. Wentworth, Roy R. Wiggin (not tardy or absent for one term).

*Division No. 2.*—Sadie A. Jones (not tardy or absent for the year), Flossie E. Jones, Anna L. Jones (not tardy or absent for two terms), Nellie S. Adams, Mabel F. Robinson, Nellie F. Wiggin, Eddie A. Wiggin, Eddie C. Robinson, Johnnie A. Cragg (not tardy or absent for one term).

*Division No. 3.*—Edith J. Barker, Arthur H. Jewell, Ralph Jewell, (not tardy or absent for the year), Alice M. Jewell, Ralph Barker, Mary C. Edmunds, Cora Jewell, Nettie Thompson, (not tardy or absent for one term).

*Division No. 4.*—Flossie M. Dining, (not tardy or absent for the year), Leslie W. Dining, Jamie W. Rollins, (not tardy or absent for two terms), Howard Wiggin, (not tardy or absent for one term).

### TEXT-BOOKS USED.

Lippincott's Readers, Wentworth's and Robinson's Algebra, Harper's Geography, Higginson's and Goodrich's Child's History, Worcester's Speller, Raub's and Colburn's New Arithmetic, Raub's Grammar, Meservey's Book-keeping, Smith's Physiology, Bartholomew's Drawing Book, Business Standard Copy Books.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF SCHOOLS.

DIVISION . . . . .	1	2	3	4	Total.
Number of weeks in spring term.....	10	10	10	10	40
“ “ fall term.....	10	10	10	10	40
“ “ winter term.....	11	11	11 2-5	11	44 2-5
Average attendance in spring term.....	27	17	35	11	90
“ “ fall term.....	26	14	42	13	95
“ “ winter term.....	24	12	39	11	86
Wages of female teachers per month....	32	32	34	32	..
Whole number of scholars in spring term.	29	20	43	12	104
“ “ fall term....	29	19	48	15	111
“ “ winter term.	27	17	43	12	98
*Average expense of each pupil during year	8	12	6	16	42
Percentage daily attendance for the year.	90	89	87	91	89
No. visits by members of School Board..	7	9	10	6	32
“ “ citizens and others.....	116	113	104	42	375
No. scholars in Reading .....	34	26	53	15	128
“ “ Spelling .....	34	26	53	15	128
“ “ Penmanship .....	34	19	43	15	111
“ “ Arithmetic .....	30	26	40	13	109
“ “ Geography .....	24	15	36	5	80
“ “ Grammar .....	11	4	12	6	33
“ “ History .....	10	7	25	6	48
“ “ Composition.....	21	4	14	6	45
“ “ Vocal music .....	..	20	..	..	20
“ “ Physiology .....	4	6	6	..	16
“ “ Book Keeping.....	8	..	3	..	11
“ “ Algebra.....	6	..	2	3	11
“ “ Drawing .....	29	19	48	12	108

\*For wages of teachers only.

Number of scholars as enumerated by Selectmen, 119; males 54, females 65.

# BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1890.

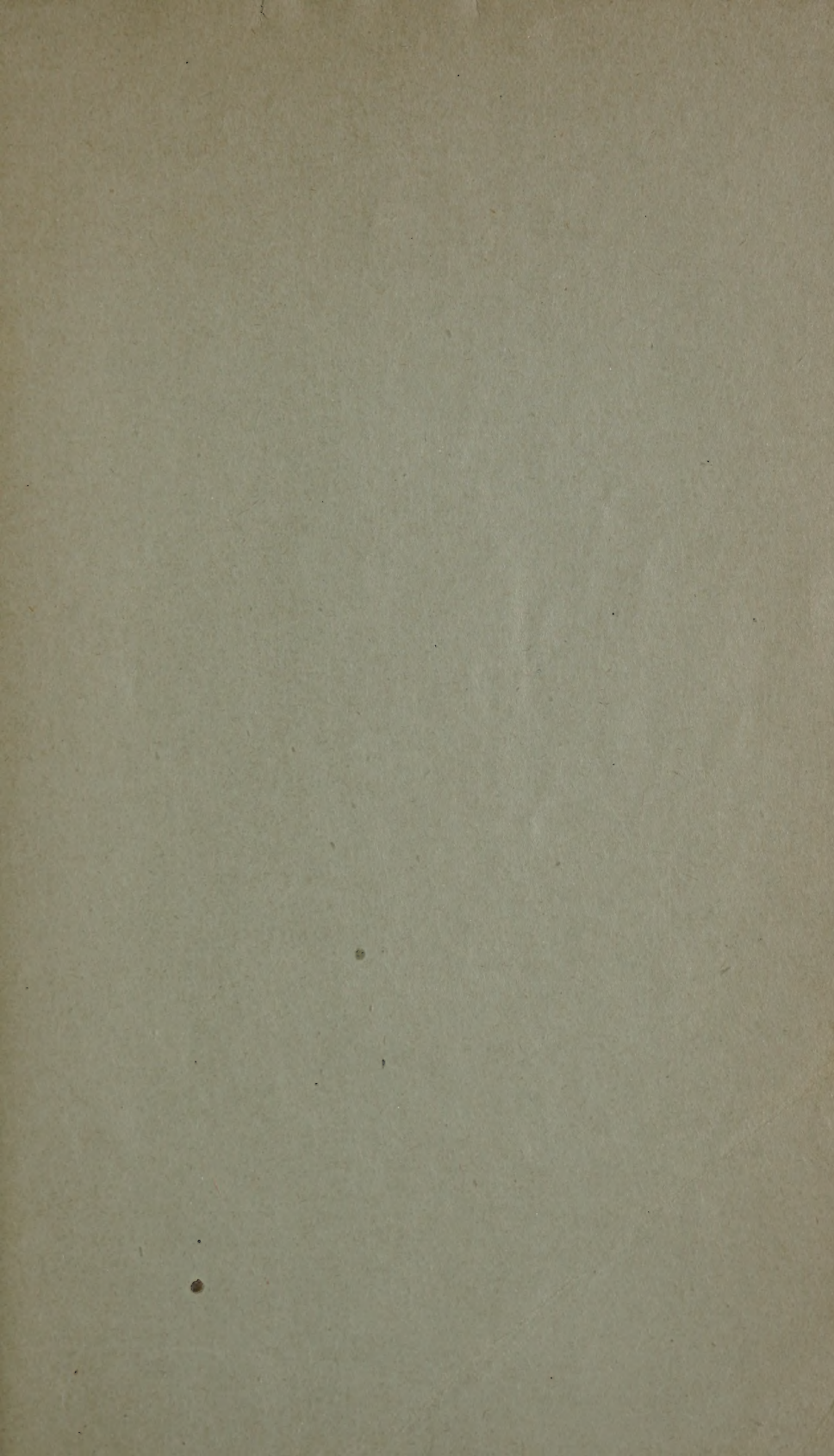
Date. 1890.	Name of Child (if any).	Sex, . . . . .	Living or Still- born.	No. of Child, .	Color, . . . . .	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Jan. 14	Arnold S. Leavitt,	M	L		W	Hezekiah H. Leavitt,	Annie M. Ayres,	W	Stratham,	Carpenter,	Stratham,	Stratham.
Feb. 1	Scammon,	F	"		"	Frank H. Scammon,	Josephine Pickering,	"	"	Butcher,	Stratham,	Greenland.
Feb. 16	Tuck,	"	"		"	George H. Tuck,	Sophia Wallace,	"	"	Farmer,	Fremont,	Nottingham.
Mar. 22	Brewster,	M	"		"	George R. Brewster,	Louisa Wiggin,	"	"	Farmer,	Stratham,	Stratham.
Mar. 26	Thompson,	F	"		"	Loring U. Thompson,	Isabella Thompson,	"	"	Farmer,	Nottingham,	England.
June 5	Chapman,	M	"		"	Asa J. Chapman,	Martha E. Chase,	"	"	Farmer,	Stratham,	Augusta, Me.
July 15	Rand,	F	"		"	Samuel L. Rand,	Nellie S. Dixon,	"	"	Farmer,	Exeter,	Kittery, Me.
Oct. 4	Mildred L. Lane,	"	"		"	Albert C. Lane,	Mary E. Brown,	"	"	Grocer,	Stratham,	Georgetown, Mass.
Oct. 29	Rodney L. Henerson,	M	"		"	Frank C. Henerson,	Mary E. Fitzgerald,	"	"	Shoemaker,	South Lee,	South Berwick.
Dec. 17	Piper,	"	"		"	James C. Piper,	Olive J. Young,	"	"	Farmer,	Oskahesa, Iowa,	Stratham.
Dec. 28	Otis,	"	"		"	Augustus H. Otis,	Florence M. Hanscom	"	"	Laborer,	Lee,	Portsmouth.

# MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1890.

Date, 1890.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of groom and bride	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Conditions, . .	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
June 11	Nahant, Mass.	George H. Odell, Lillian F. Perkins,	Stratham, Nahant,	34 W 24 "		Merchant, Teacher,	Stratham, Nahant,	Geo. H. Odell, Louisa Barker, Geo. Perkins, Mary F. Knowles, Chas. H. Gove, Mary H. Berry,	Stratham, Stratham, Portsmouth, North Hampton, Hampton Falls, Barrington,	1st, "	John C. Willett, Nahant, Mass.
Aug. 8	East Epping,	John H. Gove, Lena Watson,	Stratham, Exeter,	30 " 20 "		Mason, Housemaid,	Hampton Falls, Boston, Mass.,	Joseph White, Angeline Quimby, Geo. Wentworth, Sarah Fernald, Richard Staples, Betsy Tate, Wm. Badger,	Deerfield, Deerfield, Great Falls, Berwick, Me., Berwick, Me., Newmarket,	1st, "	C. M. Dinsmore, Exeter.
Sept. 3	Stratham,	Benjamin F. White, Sarah J. Wentworth.	Stratham, "	22 " 16 "		Laborer, Housemaid,	Deerfield, Stratham,				E. K. Amazeen, Stratham.
Nov. 16	Stratham,	Henry H. Staples, Hepsabeth B. Prior,	Stratham, "	78 " 79 "		Shoemaker, Housekeeper,	Cape Elizabeth, Me Portsmouth,			3d, "	Henry Stetson, Stratham.









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